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SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DUE PROCESS INVESTIGATIVE
MECHANISM: MEETING WITH EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN

1. EXBD CHAIRMAN MARTIN (UK) AND PERMREP MET MONDAY, APRIL 18, AT THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT IN LONDON AND THEN LUNCHEDED TOGETHER.
2. MARTIN WAS FULLY INFORMED OF US INTENTIONS AND HAS BEEN BRIEFED REGULARLY BY HIS PERMREP CARR. HE SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED THAT WE HAVE BEEN OPEN WITH HIM AND SOUGHT HIS GUIDANCE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH OUR INITIATIVE. WHEN ASKED ABOUT OUR INTERVENTION UNDER HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA ITEM, MARTIN SAID HE WOULD SEE NO PROBLEM AT ALL AND WOULD ASSIST US IN GETTING ON TO THE LIST OF SPEAKERS AT THE MOST STRATEGIC MOMENT. HE SAID THAT HIS PRESENT FEELING IS THAT THE US INTERVENTION SHOULD BE TOWARDS THE END OF THE LIST OF SPEAKERS SO AS TO AVOID
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OPENING THE DOOR TO CRITICISMS BY OTHER SPEAKERS.
MARTIN SAID HE WOULD PREFER THAT WE WAIT UNTIL MANY OF THE POTENTIAL OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE LIST BEFORE MAKING OUR MOVE.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT VAN USSEL'S CONCERNS, MARTIN GENERALLY DISMISSED THEM BY SAYING THAT VAN USSEL'S

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEM, 3.1, WOULD NOT AT ALL BE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR INITIATIVE.

4. PERMREP THEN ASKED MARTIN TO COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR INTERVENTION. HE SAID HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OUR STATEMENT IN ADVANCE IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED. PERMREP SAID WE WERE SURE THIS COULD BE DONE AND THAT WE WOULD LET HIM SEE A DRAFT WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. MARTIN SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE US FIRST MAKE A VERY POSITIVE ANALYSIS OF THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN THE DOCUMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT. HE FELT THIS WAS A BASICALLY GOOD DOCUMENT AND SHOULD BE SUPPORTED. HE SAID HE PLANS TO APPOINT A WORKING GROUP TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR REFORM OF THE UNESCO HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES. MARTIN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO PUT THE USSR ON THIS WORKING GROUP AND THEREFORE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD NOT SEEK TO BE A MEMBER. MARTIN FELT THAT THE USSR WOULD RESIST ANY EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. HE THEN SAID THAT FOLLOWING OUR POSITIVE ANALYSIS OF THE DOCUMENT HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE US THEN, IN LOW KEY TERMS GENERALLY SET FORTH ITS WISH THAT THE MOMENTUM FOR REFORM AND RECONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURES BE EXTENDED TO COVER OTHER MATTERS AND THEN SET OUT OUR PROPOSAL. MARTIN SAID THAT IF HANDLED IN THIS WAY HE THOUGHT WE COULD MAKE OUR POINTS WITHOUT RISK OF PROVOKING IMMEDIATE OPPOSITION.

5. PERMREP THEN ASKED MARTIN FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE
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POSSIBILITY OF OUR INITIATIVE EVENTUALLY SUCCEEDING. HE SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS THAT THE NINE WERE, AT BEST, LUKE WARM ON THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR INITIATIVE. HE SAID HE DOUBTED THAT THE ILO PROCEDURES WERE RELEVANT TO UNESCOAS UNESCO WAS COMPLETELY AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, MARTIN SAID THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM COMING OUT OF THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE FOR DEFUSING POLITICAL ISSUES. HE THINKS THAT THE DNG IS THE BASIC MODEL AND THAT WE SHOULD ALL WORK TO SEE THAT IT IS INSTITUTIONALIZED. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT OTHER MECHANISMS WERE EVOLVING AND POINTED TO THE DG'S USE OF THE WISE MEN'S GROUP ON THE RACISM DECLARATION AND THE PLANNED COMMITTEE OF WISE MEN IN THE COMMUNICATIONS FIELD. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, MARTIN SAID, THAT

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THIS CONCEPT OF USING AD HOC COMMITTEES FOR SPECIFIC DELICATE PROBLEMS COULD BE EXTENDED AND MIGHT GAIN ACCEPTANCE. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED THAT A PERMANENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE DG WOULD RECEIVE ENOUGH SUPPORT. MARTIN STRESSED THAT ANY MECHANISM TO DEFUSE POLITICAL ISSUES SHOULD NOT BE LABELED AS SUCH AS THIS WOULD PROVOKE IMMEDIATE OPPOSITION FROM A MAJORITY OF BOARD MEMBERS. MARTIN SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH US AFTER THE BOARD MEETING TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS WHICH COULD SUCCEED. HE SAID THAT THE BOARD WAS A NEW ONE AND HE HAD NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ OUT THE CAPABILITIES OF THE NEW MEMBERS. MARTIN SAID THAT ALREADY THERE HAD BEEN CHANGES SINCE NAIROBI. THE MEXICAN BOARD MEMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED AND HE SAID THAT MAURITIUS WOULD ALSO BE CHANGED. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE JAPANESE BOARD MEMBER HIRONAGA WAS GOING TO RESIGN TO GO INTO DOMESTIC POLITICS. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHO WILL REPRESENT FRANCE AFTER THE DEATH OF THEIR
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MEMBER.

6. MARTIN SAID THAT HE IS GAINING RESPECT FOR THE DG AND IS CONVINCED THAT M'BOW IS SINCERE IN WANTING TO IMPROVE AND DEVELOP UNESCO. HE SAID HE FEELS HE CAN WORK WITH M'BOW AND LOOKS FORWARD TO COOPERATING FULLY WITH HIM.

7. MARTIN THEN MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG MIGHT VISIT THE BOARD. HE SAID THIS WAS FINE WITH HIM AND HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO EXTEND TO AMB. YOUNG AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

8. MARTIN WAS THEN INFORMED THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT WOULD BE COMING TO THE BOARD AND WOULD LIKELY DELIVER OUR INTERVENTION ON OUR INITIATIVE. MARTIN SAID THIS SHOULD WORK OUT WELL AND HE SAW NO DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING WITH TOUSSAINT AND WOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH HIM PROSPECTS FOR MOVING ON THE US INITIATIVE. MARTIN SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE AND BRIEFED ON US INTERNAL POLITICS VIS-A-VIS UNESCO AND DID NOT NEED TO BE REMINDED OF DOMESTIC PRESSURES.

9. MARTIN THEN CAUTIONED THAT WE NOT TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT OUR INITIATIVE IN ADVANCE. HE SAID WE SHOULD NOT TIP OUR HAND TO TOO MANY DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE WERE SO MANY UNPREDICTABLE FORCES ON THIS BOARD. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH US IN PRIVATE, OUTSIDE OF UNESCO, AS ONCE HE GETS TO PARIS THIS WEEK HE WILL BE FULLY ENGAGED IN PREPARATORY MEETINGS. HE SAID ALREADY HIS SCHEDULE IS BOOKED WITH MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, MARTIN SAID THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS FIND TIME TO TALK WITH US DURING THE BOARD SESSION.

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10. THE TALKS CONCLUDED WITH MARTIN AGREEING TO WORK ALONG WITH US TO MOVE FORWARD OUR INITIATIVE AND GENERALLY ENCOURAGING US TO PROCEED AS WE PLAN.

11. COMMENT: MARTIN WAS VERY RELAXED AND CANDID. HE WANTED TO COOPERATE WITH US AND HE SEES HIS ROLE AS THAT OF MODERATOR AND MEDIATOR. HE DEFINITELY WANTS THE SPRING BOARD TO BE RELATIVELY UNEVENTFUL. HE SEES IT AS A SOUNDING AND FEELING OUT PROCESS. MARTIN IS ALSO ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH M'BOW AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THE DG AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. HE KNOWS THAT HECTOR WYNTER IS A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW AND SEEMS TO INTEND TO APPROACH THINGS IN A MUCH MORE RELAXED AND LESS DYNAMIC STYLE. OUR JUDGMENT

IS THAT WE CAN COUNT ON HIM TO COOPERATE WITH US AND
CAN RELY ON HIM TO KEEP US ABREAST OF EVENTS. MARTIN
WILL BE CONTENT TO HELP THINGS ALONG, HE WILL NOT GET
OUT IN FRONT OR ACTIVELY PUSH FOR MAJOR REFORMS.
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